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### PREPARE NOW FOR WINTER STORMS



Due to recent fires that burned in the areas above the City, there is potential for flooding or mudslides during the winter's heavy rains. The public is invited to attend one of several informational meetings scheduled through December to plan for heavy rains and possible flooding conditions this winter. At the information meetings, residents will learn how local agencies are preparing for a flood emergency and how to protect their properties. Information meetings will be held at 6 p.m. on the following dates:

- Thursday, November 12th, Franklin Neighborhood Center, 1136 East Montecito Street
- Thursday, November 19th, Franklin School Auditorium, 1111 East Mason Street (Spanish translation is available at this meeting)
- Thursday, December 10th, Downtown Library Faulkner Gallery, 40 East Anapamu Street

The City's sandbag station at 401 East Yanonali Street will be open to local residents based on the weather forecast from the National Weather Service. When properly placed, sandbags will redirect water and debris flows away from properties.

Residents who live adjacent to San Roque, Arroyo Burro, Mission, or Sycamore Creeks are encouraged to place sandbags on their properties. There is no limit on the number of sandbags that residents may fill and take. Residents should bring gloves and must fill sandbags

themselves. No contractors are allowed to take sandbags. Sandbags may also be purchased at local hardware and building supply stores. Some building supply stores will deliver filled sandbags with advance notice. For updated information on sandbag stations and flood preparation, visit: www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/OES

#### CITY EFFORTS TO PREVENT FLOODING

The mid-October rainstorm resulted in little damage to the City. Fortunately, many flood mitigation projects were completed prior to the rain event to address potential erosion and increased flood flow during this winter's rains. Debris racks were installed at Steven's Park, Tunnel Reservoir and Tunnel Road to intercept rocks, vegetation and other debris. The State Street box culvert in the San Roque area was cleaned out to increase flood water flow capacity under State Street.

Additionally, the City coordinated with the County to complete aerial hydromulching on the slopes above the City. The aerial hydromulch project treated approximately 1000 acres of non-federal land in the Jesusita Fire area. The organic mix of hydromulch helps hold the soil in place to minimize erosion, trap moisture and create an environment in which the native seeds and roots already present in the soil can sprout.

## Save Money, Save Water, and Get a Rebate!

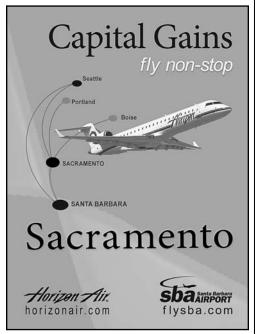
- REBATES AVAILABLE on high-efficiency toilets
   & clothes washers, smart irrigation controllers, water-wise landscaping and more
- RECEIVE A FREE WATER CHECK-UP for your home or business
- **♦ FREE RAIN SENSORS** available
- **♦ TAKE THE 20 GALLON CHALLENGE**

For More Information: VISIT www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/water, or CALL 564-5460.









## Fire Station #1 Renovation Complete



On October 23, City officials gathered to celebrate the completion of the seismic retrofit and renovation of Fire Station 1 at 121 West Carrillo Street. Fire Station 1 was originally built 45 years ago in 1964. Funded by the Redevelopment Agency, the retrofit will help a critical public safety facility remain standing during an earthquake. The project includes a new Emergency Operations Center where all City departments can coordinate emergency response during a disaster.

# For election results from the November 3rd, 2009 general municipal election Visit SBCityVote.org

#### **West Downtown Pedestrian Improvements**

Construction of the West Downtown Pedestrian Improvement Project started in early September, with the goal of improving pedestrian safety and enhancing the neighborhood along the Ortega and Anapamu Street corridors. Eight intersections will be improved from Castillo to Chapala Streets along Ortega and Anapamu Streets. The improvements include: pedestrian-oriented lighting, sidewalk replacement as needed, enhanced crosswalks, bulb outs, new street trees, and drought tolerant landscaping. The work at the Ortega and Chapala Streets intersection is scheduled to be completed by November and all intersection improvements will be finished by March 2010.





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